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SECOND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF 9/3/04

Dear Sir:

Applicants believe the Restriction Requirement of September 3, 2004 is not necessary since Claims 30-33 were already subject to the restriction requirement of March 20, 2003 to which Applicants responded on April 21, 2003. Thus, the method Claims 25-29, 40, and 42-46 already represent the elected claim group for this Application. For purpose of a complete response, Applicants reiterate the election of method Claims 25-29, 40, and 42-46, and believe such claims should be allowed as discussed in the Amendment filed May 26, 2004.

In response to the Office Communication dated December 17, 2004 to which Applicants have been given one month to respond, the following statement is made. As Claims 25-33 and 40-46 are presently pending, and Claims 25-29, 40, and 42-46 are elected, Claims 30-33 and 41 are hereby withdrawn from Examiner consideration.

Dated: December 22, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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